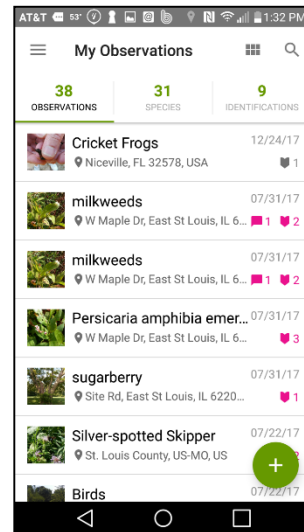
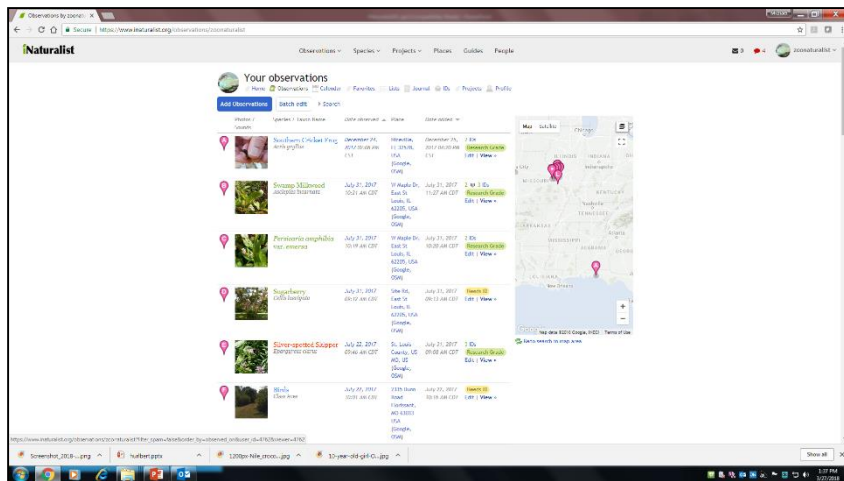


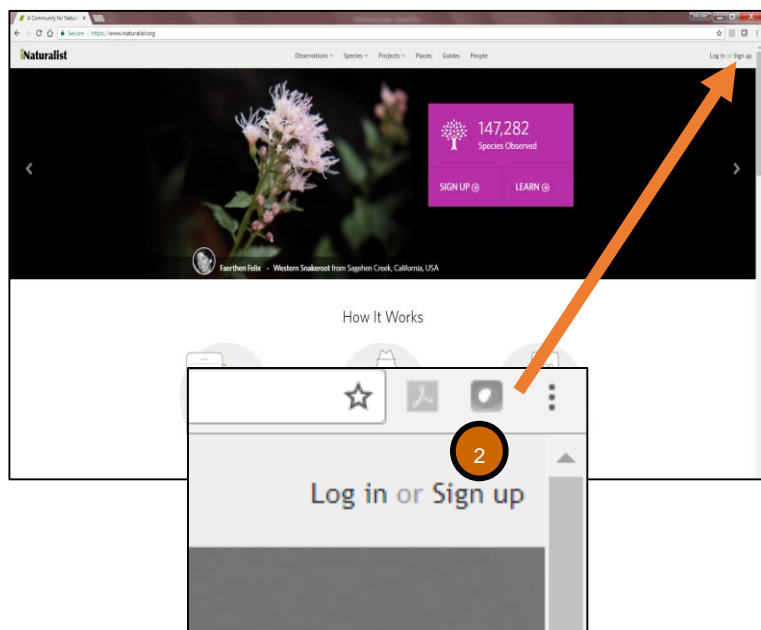
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What is iNaturalist?

iNaturalist (<https://www.inaturalist.org/>) is an online and mobile platform that provides a place to record and organize nature findings, meet other nature enthusiasts, and to participate in different **citizen science projects**.



How to make an account



1

Download the free app through your app provider or visit iNaturalist web portal at: <https://www.inaturalist.org/>

2

Click on the "Sign up" pull down tab located in the upper right-hand corner.



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3

Fill in the required text boxes which include: username, e-mail, and password and click sign up.

Note: You may also sign up by selecting from one of the following accounts: Facebook, Twitter, Flickr, google and yahoo.

What is an Observation?

An observation records an encounter with an individual organism at a particular time and location. This includes encounters with signs of organisms like tracks, nests, or things that just died.

Who you are

You'll need to make an **iNaturalist account** and please only post your own personal observations

Where you saw it

Record both the coordinates of the encounter as well as their accuracy. You can obscure the location from the public

What you saw

Choose a group of organisms like **butterflies** or better yet a specific organism like the **Monarch butterfly**. If you provide evidence you can leave this blank and the **community** can help

When you saw it

Record the date of your encounter, not the date you post it to iNaturalist

Evidence of what you saw

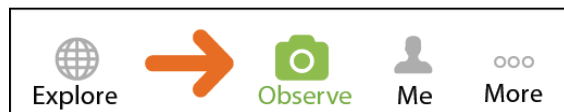
By including evidence like a **photo or sound**, the community can help add, improve, or confirm the identification of the organism you encountered. Help the community by taking clear well framed photos, by including multiple photos from different angles



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How to make an observation with an iphone

1 Tap **observe**

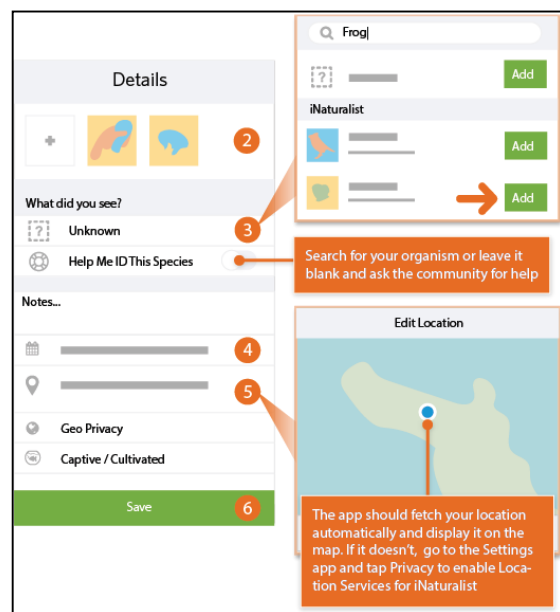


2 Add one or more photos as **evidence**

3 Enter **what** you saw or leave this blank

4 **When** you saw it should be added automatically

5 **Where** you saw it should be added automatically, if not check Privacy in the Settings app



6 **Save** your observation

7 **Upload** to share with the community. This should happen automatically. If not, tap the button. You can turn off auto upload from the app settings from the Me tab.



8 Check back for **activity** on your observation from the community



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How to make an observation with an android

1 Tap **observe**

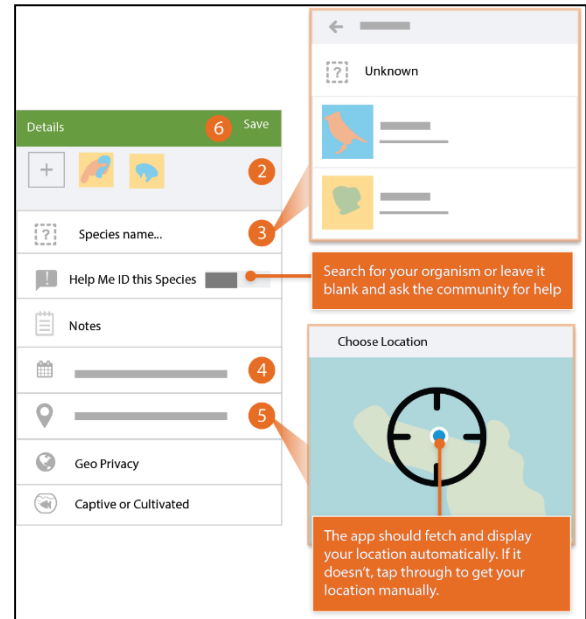


2 Add one or more photos as **evidence**

3 Enter **what** you saw or leave this blank

4 **When** you saw it should be added automatically

5 **Where** you saw it should be added automatically, if not check Privacy in the Settings app



6 **Save** your observations

7 Sync to share with the community. This should happen automatically. If not, tap the button. You can turn off auto upload from the Settings tab.

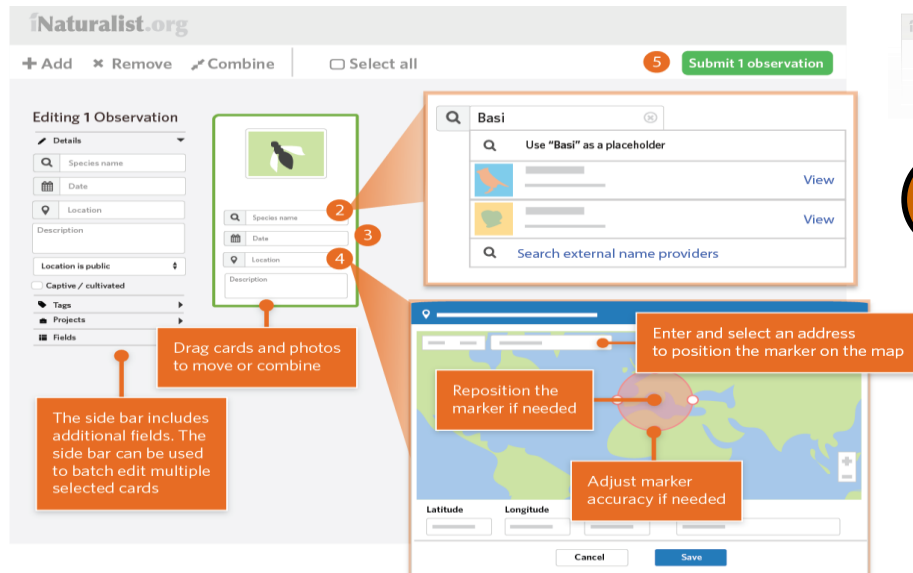


8 Check back for **activity** on your observation from the community



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How to make an observation with on the iNat portal



1 Start by tapping **Add** from the dropdown in the top menu.

From the upload page, begin by dragging in one or more photos. Each photo will create an 'observation card' that you can edit before submitting.

2 Type a name for what you saw and choose from one of the choices. If you can't find what you're looking for, leave it blank or use some placeholder text. If you entered a scientific name that's not recognized, click 'Search external name providers' to first import the organism from elsewhere. Use the sidebar to let us know if the organism you observed was captive or cultivated

3 Use the calendar to enter **when** you observed the organism

4 Type in an address and click 'Search' in order to calculate coordinates and an accuracy circle describing **where** you were. You'll probably also need to zoom into the map and manually adjust the marker position and accuracy circle size.

5 **Submit** your observation

6 Check back for **updates** on your observations by the community



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Do's

- DO take test photos:** You will definitely want to learn how to use iNat before you add a lot of observations. Practice using iNat by adding test observations.
- DO delete your tests promptly:** If you have no intention of keeping them around, please delete them.
- DO photograph weeds:** Weeds are both wild and always nearby. Take a step outside and find something growing in the cracks of the sidewalk, or a leaf that's fallen to the ground.
- DO flag captive / cultivated organisms:** If you must photograph a pet or houseplant, make sure you use the Data Quality Assessment on the website to mark it as not wild / naturalized.

Don'ts

- DON'T photograph pets or house plants:** These are fine, but they're not likely to get input from the iNat community so you won't be testing community responsiveness very well.
- DON'T photograph faces:** Especially when kids are involved. Many students will be used to posting pictures of themselves to semi-private social media outlets, but iNaturalist is completely public, so please ensure that you and your students respect each others' privacy.
- DON'T upload other people's photos:** Photos should be taken by the observer of the actual specimen observed that day. Uploading photos taken by others also usually violates US copyright law and iNaturalist's Terms of Service (read more below).

